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The Hero

“Aulgh!”

The people of Neo Central gathered around as they saw a young teen falling from the sky, smoke emanating from his stomach. Suddenly, a blue blur shot past them. It moved up along a building and launched off of the side toward the boy.

“Gotcha!”

The Speeder, clothed in dark blue ramie fabric with crimson sneakers, a mask with crimson eyes, and a “S” shaped with lightning on his chest, landed on a building carrying Levitation Boy while the crowd cheered below.

“You have to be more careful, Tim.” He said in a mocking tone. “Natural Disaster’s lightning strikes are quick. Not as fast as me, of course, but quick.”

Lev rolled his eyes. “Yeah, whatever.” He put a levitation field around himself and floated out of Speeder’s

arms. “You didn’t have to catch me though. I could have levitated before I hit-.”

A bolt of lightning zapped Levitation Boy again, sending him off of the building and into a trash can.

“Are you sure about that?” Speeder called, leaning over the building.

Levitation Boy levitated banana peels off of him as if he was annoyed. After snickering, Speeder turned to see Natural Disaster descending towards him.

“Speed Bump!” he taunted. “Glad you could make it. I already trashed Lev.”

“No you didn’t!” Lev called from below, still levitating trash off himself.

Natural Disaster smirked and snapped his fingers. Another lightning bolt shot out of the sky toward Lev. Speeder saw it and zoomed off of the building, grabbing Lev’s shoulders and carrying him out of the way into the middle of the street. Natural Disaster floated toward them, clapping. The crowd backed away.

“Nice moves as always, Speedtrap.” But let’s see how you handle more members of the Supremacy Squad!”

Three more villains emerged from behind Natural Disaster.

Speeder grinned and folded his arms. “Time Warp, the man that manipulates time. The Fashioneer, the man who is a little *too* into clothes.”

“I fashion robots and weapons! You know that!” The Fashioneer responded, arming his Plasma gun.

“Ms. Burst,” Speeder continued. “The lady that explodes on command.”

“Dang right, suga’,” said Ms. Burst, showing the big, toothy smile of a southern belle.

“And of course, Natural Disaster, the man who controls the weather.”

“I can also cause earthquakes now. I’ve been training with Kobus,” Disaster snarked.

“Well now,” Speeder continued, folding his arms. “Four on two. That doesn’t seem fair at all.”

Natural Disaster laughed. “You should’ve called for reinforcements then!” he taunted.

Speeder grinned. A worried expression came across Disaster’s face.

“Oh, you little...”

Suddenly, three teleporter beams fell down around to Speeder and Levitation Boy. Ice Girl, Shader, and Fire Girl arrived to battle!

“Now that the odds are evened,” said Speeder. “Universers Unite!”

“Do you have to say that every time?” Lev asked.

Ignoring him, Speeder gave out commands. “Lev, elevate Ms. Burst over the city so she can’t hurt anyone. Shader, move through the shadows and try to catch Time Warp by surprise. Fire and Ice, y’all have the Fashioneer. Try not to get too distracted with his clothing.”

“I heard that!” The Fashioneer yelled.

Speeder continued. “And that leaves me with Natural Di-gas-ter.”

Natural Disaster crinkled his nose and raised his hands in the air, causing lightning to rain on Speeder. “You won’t call me that for long!”

While the lightning was fast, nothing compares to the speed of the Speeder. He dodged the lightning with ease.

“Missed me,” he taunted, winking.

A little more irritated, Disaster called out, “Maybe this will make you winded!”

A tornado spawned from the sky and touched down in front of Speeder. Completely unfazed, he called out, “Really?”

He spun in place, causing a tornado of his own. He led his cyclone to Disaster’s and they canceled out.

Angry now, Disaster yelled “You can’t be so fast with nothing to run on!”

His hands glowed as he flew in the sky. The tar street began to shake and tear open. Buildings started falling apart. The crowd screamed as the trail of destruction neared them.

“Oh boy,” Speeder said, sarcastically. “Natural Disaster is causing a ‘natural’ disaster. Who would’ve thought?”

Disaster laughed as he gazed at the destruction.

“Stop me *now* hero! You can’t even touch me up here!”

Speeder grinned. He pointed his arms down and rotated them at very high speeds. A green hue surrounded him as he soared towards Disaster.

“What? You can *fly*!?” Natural Disaster shrieked in disbelief.

“Nah, Lev just gave me a little push. But I had you going, didn’t I?”

Speeder, charging the Sonic Boom Generator in his glove by vibrating his hand, reached Disaster and smashed him back down to the ground with a fully charged punch. As

he landed on another building, the crowd cheered once again.

Natural Disaster, whose face was red hot, lashed out at them. “You can’t cheer if you’re electrified!”

He caused it to rain so that the crowd could get wet and sent three lightning strikes their way.

“No!” Speeder yelled. He rushed along the rooftops towards the deathly surges. He hurdled towards them, caught all three in the air, swirled around, and threw them back at Natural Disaster. The bolts electrocuted him and instantly knocked him out, smoke flowing from his chest.

“Nice,” complemented Lev as the rest of the Universers piled the defeated villains on top of Disaster.

“Thanks,” said Speeder. “Didn’t know I could grab lightning. It was kind of a hunch.”

“One that paid off,” Fire Girl responded as she put power-lock handcuffs on the villains.

“Hey guys, aren’t we missing a few members of the Supremacy Squad here? Like, where’s Kobus?” Shader asked.

“Good question,” said Ice Girl.

“Then let me answer it!” a modified voice called out to them.

The Universers whirled around to see a humanoid object coming for them. As it crashed down in front of them, Speeder could only say one thing: “Kobus.”